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Applicant: Mesing et al.

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For: VARIABLE VANE SEAL AND WASHER MATERIALS

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2002, and in response to the Advisory Action dated January 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 28, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing remarks have been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 11, 13-15, and 17-20 are pending in this application. Claims 11 and 13-20 stand rejected. Claim 16 has been canceled.

The rejection of Claims 11-17, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Stanley et al. (GB 2,095,170) in view of McCloskey (U.S. Pat. No. 4,111,499) is respectfully traversed

Stanley et al. describe a composite article 10 in the form of a molded laminate bushing for use, for example, in a variable stator vane assembly. Bushing 10 is fabricated with a pair of outer bearing portions 12 and an intermediate lamination 14. Lamination 14 is a glass fiber element such as glass fiber clot. Each lamination 12 is a compound fabric such as glass fibers and interwoven low friction fiber material such as PTFE (Teflon) fibers. More specifically, at line 58 through line 69 Stanley et al. describe that each lamination 12

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